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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>Board of Examiners in Optometry</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building</b>
<b>MINUTES APPROVED:</b>	

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Kevin Brown, Professional Member - President  
Dr. Katherine Miller, Professional Member – Vice President  
Joseph Nestlerode, Public Member  
Dr. Sonja Biddle, Professional Member

**Members Absent**

There were no members absent.

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Maria Higgins

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Brown called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting. Dr Brown, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Propose to Deny Hearing(s)**

At 4:35 p.m., Dr. Brown called the Propose to Deny Hearing for Dr. Maria Higgins to order. Ms. Singh explained the purpose of the hearing and swore Dr. Higgins in. The members of the Board deliberated on the application submitted by Dr. Higgins. At 5:40 pm the Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nestlerode and Dr. Miller to approve Dr. Higgins for licensure in Delaware. Dr. Biddle opposed the motion.

At 5:43 pm, the Board reviewed and approved the application submitted by Dr. Christina Giles. Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller to approve Dr. Giles for licensure in Delaware. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Review of Reciprocity Application(s)**

The Board reviewed the Reciprocity application submitted by Dr. Dean Wright. Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nestlerode to Table the application pending additional documentation until the additional documentation is received. The Board Liaison will send correspondence to the applicant to request that he submit a statement showing that he has been practicing in Virginia since 2013 as well as submitting Rules and regulations from Virginia for the years of 2001-2013. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Reciprocity application submitted by Dr. Elisa Hearn. Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller to PTD the Reciprocity application submitted by Dr. Elisa Hearn as the Rules & Regulations and Licensure Laws for Texas are not greater than or equal to those of the State of Delaware. Specifics include: the need for an Ophthalmologist consult at the initiation of the treatment of Glaucoma as well as the time limitations in regard to of the administration of oral antibiotics. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **Review of Internship Application(s) for Licensure**

The members of the Board reviewed the application submitted by Thomas Rooney. Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller to approve Thomas Rooney to begin his six month internship. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **Ratification of CE Approval Request(s)**

Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller to ratify the Continuing Education requests from:

Eye Care of Delaware- Corneal Jeopardy – 2Hours  
Eye Care of Delaware- Clinical Ground Rounds -2Hours

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The members of the Board reviewed the CE Approval Request submitted by Jamie Wohlhagen. Dr. Brown made a motion,

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)**

There was no other business before the Board

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Smith  
Administrative Specialist II

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal.*